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PLEASE PASS CONGRESSMAN BOWEN

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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY -GOLD MERCURY AWARD

1. HAVE SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TODAY AUGUST 31 TO TAYLOR MACHINE WORKS INC. QUOTE
EMBASSY UNABLE TO RESPOND EARLIER TO INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN DAVID BOWEN, MISSISSIPPI, ABOUT GOLD MERCURY AWARD BEING AWARDED TO TAYLOR MACHINE WORKS BECAUSE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, CENTRO GIORNALISTICO ANNALI(CGA), HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR VACATION. HOWEVER OFFICES JUST RE-OPENED AND WE ARE ABLE TO INFORM THAT ORGANIATION APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS AND REPUTABLE, THOUGH SMALL. AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO SELECTED COMPANIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN EXPANDING PRODUCTION AND SALES TO EXPORT MARKET. CGA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, EACH YEAR SPONSORS THESE AWARDS. THIS YEAR, THE CO-SPONSOR IS THE ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF YUGOSLAVIA.

2. GCA INFORMS US THAT TAYLOR HAS DECLINED AWARD AS OF AUGUST 17. NEVERTHELESS, HE MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING INFORMATION. SUGGEST HE GET IN TOUCH WITH U.S. VICE PRESIDENT OF CGA, MR.DONALD J.BIBBO, PRESIDENT OF THE MAYFRAM CO. IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. HIS COMPANY WON AWARD TWO YEARS AGO. AWARD WILL BE MADE THIS YEAR IN BELGRADE ON SEPTEMBR 29.

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3. OTHER COMPANIES BEING AWARDED THE GOLD MERCURY ARE :
MARTIN INDUSTRIES, FORT WORTH , TEXAS; APA TRANSPORT, NORTH BERGN, NEW JERSEY; AND GENERAL BATTERY, READING, PEN-NSYLVANIA. ALL THESE COMPANIES HAVE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE ON HAND OR WILL APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCEPT IN THEIR STEAD.
SIGNED H. HEIKENEN, COUNSELOR FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME UNQUOTE.HOLMES

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